

Remarks

Claims 2-5, 7-9, 11-14 and 16-20 are currently pending in the patent application. For the reasons and arguments set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is allowable over the cited reference.

The instant Office Action dated February 21, 2007, listed the following rejection: claims 2-5 and 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Momtaz (U.S. Patent No. 6,084,433). Claims 6-9 and 15-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response to the potential allowability of claims 6-9 and 15-18, Applicant has amended claim 3 to incorporate limitations of claim 6 and Applicant has amended claim 12 to incorporate limitations of claim 15. Applicant submits that, as is consistent with the instant Office Action, claims 3 and 12 are in condition for allowance over the cited references. Claims 2, 4-5 and 7-9 depend from claim 3 and claims 11, 13-14 and 16-18 depend from claim 12. These claims are allowable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as claims 3 and 12. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that claims 2-5, 7-9, 11-14 and 16-18 be allowed.

Applicant has thoroughly reviewed the claims in view of the above amendments and notes that other minor amendments have been made to certain claims to improve readability. For example, claim 2 has been amended to correct a typographical error, claims 7-9 have been amended to depend from claim 4, and claims 16-18 have been amended to depend from claim 12.

Applicant has added new claims 19 and 20 which depend from claims 3 and 12 respectively. Claims 19 and 20 are allowable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as claims 3 and 12 as discussed above.

In view of the remarks above, Applicant believes that each of the rejections has been overcome and the application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the agent overseeing the application file, Peter Zawilski, of NXP Corporation at (408) 474-9063.

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